IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and 8 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An image pickup device comprising:

an imaging device;

an instruction unit that instructs the selection of a given chromatic color area on a photography screen;

a storage unit that stores a preset color detection range for a first person's skin color and an additional color detection range for a second person's skin color which is additionally set by a user's operation;

a selection unit that selects one of the first and second persons' skin colors;

a white balance processing unit that specifies a color detection range of a skin color on the basis of the selection result by said selection unit, and conducts white balance processing in accordance with a white balance coefficient that corresponds to a color temperature of ~~the~~ a light source obtained on the basis of the specified color detection range and an output signal of the imaging device representing a parameter of the selected, given chromatic color area, and

a user interface unit that allows a user to adjust the additional color detection range on a two dimensional color space that is represented by a red and a green direction.

2. (Previously Presented) An image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the white balance processing unit calculates color evaluated values on the basis of the output signal of the imaging device, and specifies the color temperature of the light source on the basis of a color evaluated value that is determined to be included in the selected chromatic color area among the calculated color evaluated values.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) An image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the additional color detection range is set on the basis of the difference between a color evaluated value calculated using the preset color detection range and a color evaluated value of an actually photographed person's skin color.

5. (Original) An image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the instruction unit comprises one of a touch panel and a visual line input.

6. (Previously Presented) An image pickup device according to claim 1, wherein the preset color detection range is a plurality of preset color detection ranges.

7. (Previously Presented) An image pickup device according to claim 6, wherein the preset color detection range is selected on the basis of an input language that is inputted to the image pickup device by a photographer.

8. (Currently Amended) A white balance processing method for an image pickup device, comprising:

instructing a display device that displays an image to select a given chromatic color area of the image on the display device;

storing a preset color detection range for a first person's skin color and an additional color detection range for a second person's skin color which is additionally set by a user's operation;

selecting one of the first and second persons' skin colors;

specifying a color detection range of skin color on the basis of the selection result in said selecting step;

conducting white balance processing in accordance with a white balance coefficient that corresponds to a color temperature of ~~the~~ a light source obtained on the basis of the specified color detection range and an output signal of an imaging device of the image pickup device representing a parameter of the selected, given chromatic color area; and

providing a user interface unit to allow a user to adjust the additional color detection range on a two dimensional color space that is represented by a red and a green direction.

9-11. (Canceled)